

2016 January – June

January

Crime Commission – Term: 1 Year – Meets - Quarterly

NE Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Statutory members: Governor, Attorney General, Supt. of State Patrol, Director of Corrections, chairperson of the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council (1 year term) and the chairperson of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (1 year term). Governor appoints: Chief of Police or Dir. of Public Safety, city over 200,000; Chief of Police or Dir. of Public Safety, city under 200,000; County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Commissioner, Mayor or City Manager; person involved in Juvenile delinquency prevention or control; 6 public members at large, one must be a woman.

Timothy Larby – Atkinson – (2014) – Chair of PSAC - Position based on being Chair of the Police Standards Advisory Committee

Cassandra Rockwell – Lincoln – Chair of Juv Justice Coalition – **Chair potentially changes in June**

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice – Term: 3 years – Meets Quarterly

15-33 members appointed by the Governor shall include the following or designee: Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services; Director of DHHS; Commissioner of Education; Exec Dir Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; Exec Dir NE Assn of County Officials; Admin Office of Probation Administration; county commissioner or supervisor; one person with data analysis experience; police chief; county sheriff; executive director of the Foster Care Review Office; separate juvenile court judge; county court judge; mental health professional who works directly with juveniles; three members, one from each congressional district, representing community-based private non-profit organizations who work with juvenile offenders and families; volunteer who works with juvenile offenders or potential juvenile offenders; person who works with an alternative to incarceration program for juveniles; director of a youth rehabilitation and treatment center; director of a secure youth confinement facility; director or staff member of a secure juvenile detention facility; at least five members who are under twenty-four years of age when appointed; person who works directly with juveniles who have learning disabilities, emotional difficulties or been abused or neglected; member of NE Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; one member of a regional behavioral health authority established under section 71-808; county attorney; and public defender. The terms of members shall be three years. A majority of the coalition, including the chairperson, shall not be full-time employees of federal, state or local government. At least one-fifth of the members shall be under the age of twenty-four at the time of appointment. The coalition shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and such other officers as deems necessary. The coalition may appoint task forces or subcommittees.

The coalition shall make recommendations to the commission on the awarding of grants to eligible applicants; identify juvenile justice issues, share information, and monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system; develop or contract for the development of a statewide system to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving grants under section 43-2406 in preventing persons from entering the juvenile justice system and in rehabilitating juvenile offenders; recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to be used to develop or expand local diversion programs for juveniles from the juvenile justice system; prepare an annual report to the Governor; Legislature; the Office of Probation Administrations and the Office of Juvenile Services including recommendations on administrative and

legislative actions which would improve the juvenile justice system; and ensure widespread citizen involvement in all phases of its work. The report shall be submitted to the Legislature electronically. 12/15 e-mail

12/29 highlighted names are recommended for reappointment by agency

Need 3 youth members

2015:

Vanessa Sherman – Nebraska City – Alternate to incarceration – **Resigned (Term ends 1/1/2017)**

2016:

Nola Bennett – Lincoln – Non-Profit-District 1 – (2011) – **NOT Requesting Reappointment**

Bill Brueggmann – Plattsmouth – County Sheriff – (2013)

Timothy Dempsey – Omaha – Data Analysis – (2013) –Agency recruiting applicant – Tim willing to serve until new person appointed.

Symone Sanders – Youth Member - Moved to DC – **Resigned (Expires 1/1/2016)**

Kathy Seacrest – North Platte – Regional Behavioral Health Authority – (2013) – Behavioral ghealth Administrator @ Region II Human Services – serves on Justice Behavioral Health Committee, Substance Abused Advisory, Ne Coalition of Juvenile Justice – **Requesting Reappointment – Agency recruiting**

Ref: None provided

Applicants:

Dr. Anne Hobbs – Denton – (Data Analysis) Director of the University of Nebraska Omaha’s Juvenile Justice Institute – licensed attorney and research faculty. Serves on the Nebraska Children’s Commission’s Juveniles Services subcommittee, Nebraska Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Nebraska Bar Association’s Minority and Justice Committee and the Statewide Juvenile Diversion Advisory Board.

Ref: Dr. Liz Neeley, Monice Miles Steffens, Dr. Ryan Spohn

Ean Garrett – Omaha – President/Founder of McKenzie & Porter Publishing and Founder/Chief Innovation Officer @ Infinite 8 Institute, L3C (**Infinite 8 Institute** (I8I) and the **Non-cognitive Development Institute-Alliance** (NDIA), a collaborative of local/national consultants and partnering organizations, seek support for the world’s first **Social Impact Bond** (SIB) aimed at violence prevention. The SIB will serve a total of 80 residents annually for three years in the target area of Northeast Omaha.), was with the Urban League of Nebraska – Certified Google Supplier, North Omaha Community Council; Heartland 2050 Vision Committee 2014; Mad Dads Board of Directors 2014, Midlands Mentoring Partnership Board of Directors, President of the Black Law Student Association/Multicultural Legal Society, etc

Ref: Gail Manza, PhD; Sundiata Menelik; Scot Adams, PhD

Tanya E.S. Rhodes – Lincoln – Accountant II @ DHHS – Blue Star Mothers of America, National Management Association, Member Curyung Tribal Council, Nebraska Child Support Enforcement Association, etc.

Ref: Jodi Fenner, Stephanie Lofton, Derek Petersen, Roger Sluka

Deborah Neary – Omaha – (D) (Private Non-Profit – 3rd District)– Nonprofit Director @ Midlands Mentoring Partnership – Past: American Red Cross (2005-2010), had 8 foster care youth, 2014 “Catalyst of The Year” by the Nonprofit Association of the Midlands, serving on county wide committee to support changes within the Douglas County Juvenile Justice System. (**Appointed to ServeNebraska in March 2015**)

Ref: Mike Yanney, Bob Whitehouse, Rev. David M. Korth

JaQuala Yarbro – Omaha – CEO @ Compete LLC (Conflict resolutions and mentoring) and Careers Coordinator @ North Omaha Boys and Girls Club – Member of Coalition for Juvenile Justice, advocates for youth meeting with members of the Justice Department

Ref: Martha Heck, Julie Walker, Ivan Gilreath, Willie Barney

Audrey Swanson – Lincoln – Family Support Specialist work with children with open legal cases with DHHS) @ Cornerstone Families – (Youth Member?) Past: worked as ReStore Assistant Manager @ Habitat for Humanity and Communication Specialist @ Goodwill; volunteered with Educare; Fluent in Spanish

Ref: Bruce Williamson, Flo Krogman, Yolanda Mitchell

Youth Applicants – Need 3

Thomas Burns – Bellevue – UNO Student (graduate 2017) – (**Youth Position**) Clerical Clerk @ Douglas County Public Defender's Office – currently serves on NCJJ youth Committee - Volunteered on campaigns for Pete Pirsch, Dave Domina, Sharon Hansen and Carol Blood

Ref: Carol Jennings, Judge Vernon Daniels, John Cavanaugh Jr.

Lacey R. Combs – North Platte – (Youth Member) – I - RetailSales Associate @ Viaero Wireless – Part of Project Everlast, where we partake in community service, as well as speaking to the community about unconnected youth

Ref: Kim Weesner, Mona Tarin, Belle Enderle

Nathan Leach – Kearney – (Youth – 20 years old)- Until 5/1/2016 Legislative Intern @ Buffalo County Community Partners, Until 4/30/2016 Page @ Arizona State Senate and Administrative Assistant @ DSE Contracting Inc. – was a member of the Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board; member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and studying to become a Registered Parliamentarian; volunteered internationally through his church; value the role of democratic dialogue and participation in my state and community, and the important deliberation and thorough research in policy making

Ref: Jenna Lyon, Senator Galen Hadley, Denise Zwiener

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education – Legislative Confirmation - Term: 6 years – Meets minimum of 6 times a year

One from each of the six Nebraska Supreme Court Districts. The other five are selected at-large. Members and their immediate family are prohibited from serving on any public or private postsecondary education governing board or being employed either directly or indirectly (contract) by any public or private postsecondary education institution.

The Commission was given authority to coordinate the activities of public colleges and universities. Activities to be coordinated include programs, academic activities, planning, budget submission, capital construction, and other administrative functions. The Commission also administers state student financial aid programs and authorizes out-of-state colleges and universities to operate in Nebraska. 12/16 1/6 3/29 E-mail

Eric Seacrest – North Platte – At Large – (1992) (Any county) – **NOT Requesting Reappointment**

Applicants:

Veronica Guzman – South Sioux City – Admissions Counselor @ University of South Dakota – In Nebraska, she has worked for Metro Comm College in Omaha, Creighton University and EducationQuest Foundation and Wayne State College; educational background in elementary education and Spanish; professional experience in higher education and non-profit sector; recruiting experience involves multicultural recruitment and first-generation college students; enjoys the challenges involved in the development and implementation of new recruiting strategies, etc. (**University of So. Dakota - COMPETES WITH NE COLLEGES**)

Ref: Kevin Halle, Lisa Avila, Ally Kaiser

3/29 Agency recruiting from District 3 since Eric was from District 3, not a requirement

Provided the following two applications to agency/board for consideration, meeting 2nd week of April:

Ean Garrett – Omaha – President/Founder of McKenzie & Porter Publishing and Founder/Chief Innovation Officer @ Infinite 8 Institute, L3C (**Infinite 8 Institute** (I8I) and the **Non-cognitive Development Institute-Alliance** (NDIA), a collaborative of local/national consultants and partnering organizations, seek support for the world's first **Social Impact Bond** (SIB) aimed at violence prevention. The SIB will serve a total of 80 residents annually for three years in the target area of Northeast Omaha.), was with the Urban League of Nebraska – Certified Google Supplier, North Omaha Community Council; Heartland 2050 Vision Committee 2014; Mad Dads Board of Directors 2014, Midlands Mentoring Partnership Board of Directors, President of the Black Law Student Association/Multicultural Legal Society, etc

Ref: Gail Manza, PhD; Sundiata Menelik; Scot Adams, PhD

JaQuala Yarbrow – Omaha – CEO @ Compete LLC (Conflict resolutions and mentoring) and Careers Coordinator @ North Omaha Boys and Girls Club – Member of Coalition for Juvenile Justice, advocates for youth meeting with members of the Justice Department (Getting degree in 2016)

Ref: Martha Heck, Julie Walker, Ivan Gilreath, Willie Barney

United Nations Day Chair – Term – 1 year - 1 day event

*The Governor appoints a prominent citizen to serve as chair of the state's observance of United Nations Day. The office will be contacted in March for the name and the event is held in **October**.*

It will provide an opportunity for citizens to focus on the essential work of the United Nations in resolving conflicts, protecting the environment, and promoting human dignity.

Jon Camp – Lincoln – (Chair since 2000) 2/8 3/3 e-mail to Jon

United Nations Day is October 24 – Jon coordinates a proclamation – Children from St. Mary's carry flags of many countries for a ceremony in the Capitol. The national organization has not been responsive to my multiple requests for information.

April

Capitol Commission – Term: 3 years – Meets quarterly

The Commission shall be the custodian of the State Capitol and capitol grounds. The Commission, through the Office of the Capitol Commission, shall have responsibility for facilities planning, construction and administration for the Capitol and grounds and may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out these provisions. The Commission is to provide review and direction to the Office for the aforementioned provisions which shall include the on-going conservation, restoration and enhancement of the State Capitol and furnishings according to the adopted Document of Standards; and grounds restoration within the approved Capitol Landscape Restoration Master Plan. The Commission, through the Office, shall provide for the promotion of the Capitol through public tours and information; and the preservation and interpretation of collected material about the construction and history of this landmark site.

The members include: Governor; Speaker of the Legislature; Supreme Court Chief Justice; Dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska; Director of the NE Historical Society (added 7-1-04) and three other residents of Nebraska appointed by the Governor. One member from each of the Congressional districts. 3/3 E-mail

Stanley Meradith – Omaha – 2nd District Representative – (2007) – Architect/Principal @ DLR Group – 1988 State President of Nebraska Society of Architects, Member of American Institute of Architects; 29 years of experience; specializes in athletic facilities – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Jim Clifton, Congressman Tom Osborne, Mayor Chris Beutler

Capitol Environs Commission - Term: 3 years – Meets monthly

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission is a joint body of the City of Lincoln and State of Nebraska body which identifies, recommends, approves, protects, and advocates for amenities within the Capitol Environs District as the urban setting for the Capitol within the city of Lincoln. The Commission also approves and oversees improvements proposed within the Environs District.

5 members appointed by Lincoln Mayor. 2 members appointed by the Governor, one shall be a resident of Lincoln. Three non-voting members of the commission shall be the City of Lincoln Planning Director or designee, the city of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director or designee and Director of the Department of Administrative Services or designee. 2/22 e-mail

Jeff Searcy – Lincoln – Member – (1996) – Realtor @ Home Real Estate – Serves as the Chair of the Nebraska 150 Commission, Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Realtors Association, helped with fundraising for the Centennial Mall renovations – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Eric Brown, Shannon Harner, Kent Thompson

Professional Practices Commission – Term: 3 years/Limit 2 – Meets quarterly

The Professional Practices Commission advises the Board in developing, through the teaching profession, criteria of professional practices in ethical and professional performance, competency, continuance in professional service, and contractual obligations. Professional standards recommended by the Commission that are adopted by the Board are legally binding and can be enforced on teachers. The Office of the Commissioner of Education investigates alleged professional ethics and practices violations. The Commissioner's office can prosecute the case before the Commission if there are sufficient grounds for revocation or suspension of teaching licenses or other penalties. The Commission also holds hearings and makes recommendations to the board in cases where certificates are revoked, suspended or reinstated. The Commission may warn and penalize public school certificate holders for violations of board standards.

Members are nominated by the teaching and teachers' professional organizations. Members represent elementary and secondary classroom teachers, school administrators and higher education. Members must be currently in the position that they represent. Since this is a licensing agency and the positions represent those that they license, the person and school needs to be licensed. Non-public schools and staff are often also certified and therefore regulated by this commission and the Department of Education. 2/5 ¾ e-mail

Michael A. Cobelens – Lincoln – (Secondary Classroom Teacher) – (2013) – R - Teacher @ Waverly Middle School Chief Negotiator, President of WEA; Math in the Middle Graduate - **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Dr. Bill Heimann, Nancy Fulton, Ross Ricenbaw

Letter of Support: Bill Heimann – Waverly School District 145 Superintendent

Letter of Support/Recommendation: Nancy Fulton. NSEA

Kevin Pettigrew – Valentine – (Secondary Classroom Teacher) – (2014) – R – Math Teacher @ Valentine Community Schools – goes to every meeting with an open mind and does best to make an informed decision; greatest concern is the educational experience of Nebraska's children; football and basketball coach; math assessment evaluation team; Junior Class sponsor; Member of NSEA, Sandhills District-Board of Directors, Delegate Assembly-Chair of Election Committee, etc - **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Jeff Sayer, Tim DeWaard, Kevin Young, Jed K. Johnson, Carol Hicks, Nancy Fulton, Mark Hagge

Letter of Support/Recommendation:

Nancy Fulton, NSEA

Jeff Sayer – Valentine Middle School Principal

Darolyn Seay, M.Ed. – Auburn – Nemaha – Higher Education – (2013) –Professor @ Peru State College – primary job is to “prepare teachers”; serving on the commission allows her to bring this experience to candidates wanting to teach, raising the awareness of issues while communicating expectations for future teachers emphasizing Professional Dispositions **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Kathi Vontz, Dr. Gina Bittner, Dr. Elie Kunkel

Letter of Support:

Ellie Kunkel, Ed.D/Interim Dean of Peru State’s School of Education

Debra L. Ponce – Omaha – President of NE Assoc. of Colleges of Teacher Education – Professor and Chair @ Creighton University

Deanna Stevens – Omaha – (Elementary) - Elementary Classroom Teacher @ Westside Community Schools, Loveland Elementary – (2015) – Team Leader, Loveland Elementary School Improvement Team, Math Toolbox Committee, Personalized Learning Reach Group, Opportunity Education Facilitator, etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Letters of Support:

Annette Volberding – Retired Westside Community School Teacher, PDK, Current Member

Jaime Kammadnel – Second Grade Westside Comm Schools Teacher, WEA, Secretary & Building Rep

Lynn Spady – Past President of UNO PDK Chapter #0116 – Westside Community Schools Excellence in Youth Coordinator

Applications:

Brent Myers – Omaha – Educator @ Bellevue Public Schools – (Elementary) – Senior Fellow of James Madison Memorial Fellowship, Patricia Bahringer Teacher of the year Award-Junior Division; National History Day Behring Reacher Ambassador 2014-15

Ref: Jenny Powell, James Trebbein, Jason Rothfuss

Sean Nutzman – Crete – (Secondary) – Vocal Music Instructor/Technology Coordinator @ Milford Public Schools – served on a local education association in both Milford and at Sandy Creek school districts; worked with board of education and administration at each school through negotiations and member right, served as Capitol District President for NSEA

Nancy Fulton, Kevin Wingard, Brandon Mowinkel

Letter of Support – Nancy Fulton, NSEA

Lesa Christiancy – Lincoln – (Elementary) – 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher and Instructional Technology Coach @ Lincoln Public Schools – able to look at situations with an open mind, to investigate all sides and perspective involved, and to make a decision based on what is best for students; Leadership Activities: LEA Building Faculty Representative, LEA Board of Directors, School Board Contact Team Members, Building Technology Committee, etc.

Ref: Nancy Fulton, Rita Bennett, Dave Knudsen

Letter of Support – Nancy Fulton, NSEA

Barbara Sunderman – Hastings - (Higher Education) Professor of Teacher of Education @ Hastings College – previously taught at Hastings Public Schools and East Butler Public Schools (1987 – 2007) – Doctorate in Education and Educational Specialist, Masters of Education and BA in Elementary Education; Nebraska certificates for Superintendent, Principal, Assessment Leadership, and Teaching; current position oversees pre-service clinical teaching experiences of juniors

Ref: Dr. Kass Rempp, Dr. Gary Johnson, Lisa Smith

Letter of Support:

Debra L. Ponce – Omaha – President of NE Assoc. of Colleges of Teacher Education – Professor and Chair @ Creighton University

Amy Himes – Papillion LaVista School District – (Secondary) – Teacher of Honors Spanish and Department Leader of World Languages @ Papillion La Vista Senior High School – Vice President of La Vista Education Association, sponsors PLHS Quiz Bowl Team; attends leadership conferences, etc.

Ref: Nancy Fulton; Dr. Andrew Rikli, Superintendent; Gerald Kalina, Principal

Letter of Support – Nancy Fulton, NSEA

ServeNebraska/Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission – Term: 3 years – Meets quarterly

Requires balance of Political Parties

There are between 15-25 voting members, up to 10 ex-officio non-voting members/positions can be designated by the commissioners. Not more than 50% plus one of the voting members shall be from the same political party. In addition, the number of voting members of the Commission who are officers or employees of the State of NE may not exceed 25% of the total membership. To the extent possible, the membership shall be balanced with respect to the racial, ethnic, age, gender and disability characteristics of members. The Commissioner of Education or designee (Donlan Rice) shall also be a voting member. Geographic distribution should be a consideration.

To provide administration of funding awarded to Nebraska through the Corporation for National and Community Service; to provide oversight and technical assistance to the programs funded through the Commission; to promote community service/volunteerism in the state; to serve as a clearing-house for resources and information for community service/volunteer programming throughout the state; to assist intra-state coordination and collaboration of community service programs; approve projects/programs for funding; provision of technical assistance and support to local community service programs; administration of the AmeriCorps grant programs, Disability Inclusion, Professional Development and TA and other grant programs in Nebraska, including evaluation and oversight. State required to match Administrative Grant one to one.

3/3 E-mail 4/26

_____ - Additional Member (Teacher)

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Denise Kollath – Columbus – Volunteer Sector – (2010) – **Not Requesting Reappointment**

Deborah Neary – Omaha – Community Based Agency – (2014) – **Will reapply**

Matthew Schulte – Lincoln – Additional Member - (2013) – **Not Requesting Reappointment**

Jerry Sellentin – Lincoln – Member – (2013) – **Not Requesting Reappointment**

Lisa Willman – Grand Island – Additional Member – (2013) - **Resigned**

Previous Resignations:

Lois Wine – Omaha – (R) – (Older Adults) – **Not Seeking Reappointment**

William S. Elton – (Disabilities Representative) – R – **Resigned 8/25/2015 (Term ends 4/30/2017)**

Kayln Archambault – (Individual Age 16-25 – Independent) – **Aged Out (Term ends 4/30/2017)**

Tamara Bailey – (Local or State Government Service Program- I) – **Resigned 5/2/2016 (Term ends 4/30/2017)**

Applicants:

Jennifer Strohmeyer – Lincoln – (I) - Payroll Assistant @ Horizon Management & Consulting

Member of Lincoln Women of Today which lends a hand to other agencies such as Friendship Home, Cedar's Home, People's City Mission, Habitat for Humanity

Ref: Terri Sherman, Sally Cox

Jessica Chermock – Lincoln – (D) – Disaster Program Specialist @ American Red Cross

Ref: Keelan Chapman, Nathan Woodruff

Hung Vo – (I) – Lincoln – Student (19 years old) – 2013 Governor’s Point of Light Award recipient

Ref: Jamie Ansorge, Beatrice Cord, Abi Paudel

Taylor C. Rohe – Lincoln – Claim Service Assistant @ State Farm Insurance (Volunteers for Lincoln Track Club)

Ref: Pat Quade, Kristine Seeger, Tiffany Blackwell

Randy Yates – Omaha – (R) -Dispatch Operations Manager @ Freight All Kinds, Inc. – Volunteers with Boy Scouts of America since 1999, served as special adviser to Nebraska Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission, Chairman of Trustee Board @ Westminster Presbyterian Church-Omaha

Ref: Robert Foley, Tim Begley, Dr. Gary Eller

Elisa Stutheit – Lincoln – Senior Corps Project Director @ Aging Partners – President of Nebraska Senior Corps Association, Vice President @ Nebraska Rescue Council, JRT Rescue volunteer, was Aging Specialist III @ ActivAge/Community Activities & Services

Ref: Deb Peck, Ginny Steinke, Jessica Ellis

Coreena Brown – Lincoln – AmeriCorps Member - Works for Lincoln Parks and Recreation – started volunteering in high school at the Zoo and has continued volunteering .

Ref: Candy Beach, Melissa Lindeman, Bryce Nielsen

Emily Trauernicht – Lincoln – AmeriCorps Member – Was a UNL Professor’s Assistant and did various art projects with at risk youth. Put together teams of volunteers for events at Morrill Hall

Ref: Cindy Larson-Miller, Sara Brumm, Jereme Hill

Sara McDonald – Lincoln – AmeriCorps Member @ Lincoln Northeast High School – Volunteers with students at Belmont Elementary mentoring and leading after schools art programs. Volunteers @ ‘Playgroup’ at Ager play center for youth with disabilities. Lead mural making projects with youth

Ref: Lindsay Limbach, Stacy Plouzek, Michelle Clifford

Harvey Varenhorst – Nebraska City – (I) – Retired federal law enforcement for DEA DOJ/State/DHS

Ref: Janet Palmtag, Allan Barrett, Don Niemann –

Appointed to JNC in March, Arts Council in September

Terry Kranau – Blue Hill – Attending Pharmacy School at Hastings College, active on Student Affairs committee, Resident Assistant, President of American Chemical Society on Campus that hosts a children’s science day camp, 6 years in Big Brother Big Sister Program, AmeriCorp Volunteer at South Heartland District Health Dept., Etc.

Ref: Dr. Michele Bever, Brent Gollner, Dr. Neil Heckman

Emmett Champion – Omaha – on permanent disability since 2009 – was Salesman @ Midco Supply until 2009 – Fully functional but cannot maintain extended periods of exertion without breaks.

Ref: Patrick Abendroth, Craig Barr, Greg Janish

Wendy Hunt – Lincoln – Academic Advisory @ UNL – served in the US Army Reserve as a medic and California National Guard as a military Police; coached Girl’s Basketball for 25 years (4th grade to Junior College), volunteered with YMCA, People’s City Mission, Keep Lincoln/Nebraska Beautiful and St. Monica’s; experience working with diverse populations, Adult sponsor for Church Youth Group

Ref: Joan Mendoza-Gorham, Natasha Crawford, Dan Wames

Shelia O’Connor – Recruited by Commission will be submitting an application.

May

Commission on Latino-Americans – Term: 3 years – Meets Quarterly

Nine members appointed by the Governor. The Governor or his/her appointee shall be ex officio member of the commission with the power to vote. The Commission appoints the director.

The Commission shall 1) gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences and special studies on problems and programs concerning Latino-Americans; 2) serve the needs of Latino-Americans; 3) develop, coordinate, and assist the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino-Americans; 4) propose new programs; 5) evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation; 6) stimulate public awareness of the problems of Latino-Americans; 7) conduct training programs for community leadership and service project staff. 3/18/ 4/26 5/11 E-mail

Jack Gutierrez – Columbus – Member – (2013) – Athletic Director @ Central Community College – involved in the community and have been associated with service clubs and boards of different types, ARC of Platte County, Big Pals/Lil Pals, Sertoma Service , etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Elizabeth Przymus, Mary Young, Matt Gottschall

Ramon Otero – Cairo – Member – (2004) – Administrator @ Lexington Public Schools – serves on Cairo Community Foundation; Lexington Community Foundation; Lexington United Way, CASA, Lexington Parent/Child Center; Task Force on Integration of the Immigrant Work Force Population, JNC-Court of Appeals – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref; Rick Alexander, Nate Stineman, Patricia Stewart Sanchez

Maria Valentin – Papillion – Member – (2014) – Administrative Director @ South Omaha Surgical Center – 20 years of experience in community relations, management and volunteerism; served on One World Community Health Center Board, Board of Counselors @ UNMC, Heartland Latino Leadership Conference Board, National Hispanic Corporate Council Board, etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Joel A. Cota, Marta Sonia Londono Mejia, Hector L. Santiago

Applications:

Adolfo Reynaga – Lincoln – Law Clerk @ Bruning Law Group - served as Student Trustee-Chadron on Board of Trustees for State College System; worked as Legal Aid for Center for Legal Immigration Assistance and recreational Technician for US Forest Service; Junior at UNL College of Law, raised in Alliance; first generation American; summer intern for Mike Johanns in DC; etc.

Ref: Robert Denicola, Linda Moody, Korinne Tande

Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board – Legislative Confirmation– Term: 3 years/Limit 2 – Meets Monthly 3/18 E-mail 3/31, 4/14 talked to Director

*Board members include: a factory representative; member representing the public; **licensed new car dealer from each Congressional District**; two licensed used motor vehicle dealers from different congressional districts; one trailer dealer or combination motor vehicle or trailer dealer; a licensed motorcycle dealer.*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ARE BASED ON 1963 DISTRICTS.

The Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board was created to enforce motor vehicle, mobile home and travel trailer industry licensee standards and to protect the public from dishonest licensee practices. The Board issues and revokes licenses, establishes license fees for each class, prescribes license forms, and investigates actions of licensees upon a sworn written complaint. The Board also regulates the issuance and revocation of licenses. The Director of Motor Vehicles is the Chair.

William (Bill) Ashburn – Lincoln – (Public Member) – (2013) – Regional VP of AliantAlltel/Verizon – Past President and Board Member of Hillcrest Country Club; Board Member of Nebraska Golf Association –

Requesting Reappointment

Ref: Barry Kennedy, Loy Todd, Walt Radcliffe

Blake Dillon – Fremont – (Motorcycle Dealer) – **Termed Out**

William Reeg – Wayne – (New Car Dealer – 1st District) (Knox, Cedar, Pierce, Wayne, Dixon, Dakota, Madison, Stanton Cumming, Butler, Saunders, York, Fillmore, Thayer, Seward, Lancaster, Saline, Gage, John, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties) – **Termed Out**

Applications:

Stephan Budke – North Platte – (Motorcycle Dealer) – Business Owner and Dealer Principal @ Budke's Harley-Davidson- served on Licensing Board 1998-2007; serves on North Platte Chamber of Commerce Board, Economic Development Corporation for Lincoln County; Rape & Domestic Abuse Program for North Platte; American Honda Motor Corp-Dealer Advisory Board; Big Brother/Big Sister Board Member-GI

Ref: Dr. Barrett Klemm, Greg Wilke, Roger Miller

Dennis Schworer – Bellevue - (New Car Dealer – District 1-Lincoln and 2-Bellevue, lives in District 2) – Schrower Volkswagen of **Lincoln**, Honda Cars of Bellevue, **Lincoln** Mitsubishi –

Ref: Brian Hamilton, Paul Harnett, Bryan Shank

June

Children's Commission – Term: Terminates 6/30/2019 – Meets: Quarterly

– Scheduled to terminate June 30, 2016 unless continued by Legislature

The commission shall include the following voting members: (a) The executive director of the Foster Care Review Office (Kim Hawekotte); and (b) Seventeen members appointed by the Governor. The members appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall represent stakeholders in the child welfare system and shall include: (i) A director of a child advocacy center; (ii) an administrator of a behavioral health region established pursuant to section 71-807; (iii) a community representative from each of the service areas designated pursuant to section 81-3116. In the eastern service area designated pursuant to such section, the representative may be from a lead agency of a pilot project established under section 68-1212 or a collaborative member; (iv) a prosecuting attorney who practices in juvenile court; (v) a guardian ad litem; (vi) a biological parent currently or previously involved in the child welfare system or juvenile justice system; (vii) a foster parent; (viii) a court appointed special advocate volunteer; (ix) a member of a local foster care review board; (x) a child welfare service agency that directly provides a wide range of child welfare services and is not a member of a lead agency collaborative; (xi) a young adult previously in foster care; (xii) a representative of a child advocacy organization that deals with legal and policy issues that include child welfare; and (xiii) a representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe residing within the State of Nebraska and appointed within thirty days after June 5, 2013, from a list of three nominees submitted by the Commission on Indian Affairs. (3) The Nebraska Children's Commission shall have the following nonvoting, ex officio members: (a) The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature or a committee member designated by the chairperson; (b) the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature or a committee member designated by the chairperson; (c) the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or a committee member designated by the chairperson; (d) three persons appointed by the State Court Administrator; (e) the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or

her designee; (f) the Director of Children and Family Services of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee; and (g) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee; and (h) the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare. The nonvoting, ex officio members may attend commission meetings and participate in the discussions of the commission, provide information to the commission on the policies, programs, and processes of each of their respective bodies, gather information for the commission, and provide information back to their respective bodies from the commission. The nonvoting, ex officio members shall not vote on decisions by the commission or on the direction or development of the statewide strategic plan pursuant to section 43-4204.

(1) The Nebraska Children's Commission is created as a high-level leadership body to (a) create a statewide strategic plan for reform of the child welfare system programs and services in the State of Nebraska and (b) review the operations of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding child welfare programs and services and recommend, as a part of the statewide strategic plan, options for attaining the legislative intent stated in section 43-4201, either by the establishment of a new division within the department or the establishment of a new state agency to provide all child welfare programs and services which are the responsibility of the state. The commission shall provide a permanent forum for collaboration among state, local, community, public, and private stakeholders in child welfare programs and services. The Commission shall provide a written report to the Governor and an electronic report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature of its activities during the previous year on or before December 1 each year.

4/21 Talked to Amanda Felton

Nancy Forney – Scottsbluff – (CASA Volunteer) – **Not Seeking Reappointment**

Teresa J. Anderson – Hastings – (Community Representative/Central) – Health Director of Central District Health Department- serves on the Hall County Community Collaborative, past TeamMates; strong interest in preserving families and assuring youth can grow up as healthy as possible in a strong community setting –

Requesting Reappointment

Ref: Beth Baxter, Kathleen Stoltz, Robin Dexter

Karen Authier – Elkhorn – (Child Welfare Agency/Not Lead Agency) – CEO of Nebraska Children's Home Society – serves on the Nebraska Child Death Review Team; served on Nebraska Governor's Commission for the Protection of Children, Nebraska Juvenile Diversion, Detention and Probation Implementations Team, etc.; Licensed Mental Health Practitioner, Treasurer of Children & Family Coalition of NE (CAFCON), Foster Family Based Treatment Assn., etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Mike Beacom, Blake Collingsworth, Kim Schroll

Beth Baxter – Kearney – (Administrator of Behavioral Health Region) – Regional Administrator @ Region 3 Behavioral Health Services – currently the Chair of the Commission, previously served on the State Mental Health Advisory Committee; been involved in a professional capacity with advancing children's issues entire career from teaching, case management, program development, system transformation to administration; 27 years at Region 3; etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Grace Mims, Ph.D.; Kathleen Stolz, Larry Hickenbottom

Holly Brandt – Scottsbluff – (Community Representative/Western) – Executive Director @ CAPstone Child Advocacy Center – serves on the Region 1 Behavioral Health Advisory Board; 20 years of experience working in the field of child abuse/neglect; started career working with juveniles at Western NE Juvenile Services then 14 years at DHHS; passion is working with children who have been abused and neglected and addressing issues that face this population – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Brian Wasson, Monica Bartling, Ivy Svoboda

Jennifer Chrystal-Clark – Omaha – (Prosecuting Attorney/Juvenile Court) – Deputy County Attorney @ Douglas County – Midwestern Swimming Board BOD; involved in several of the subcommittees of the Children’s Commission; awards from the Foster Care Review Board and Project Harmony; serves on the 1184 Treatment Team; etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Don Kleine, Judge Vernon Daniels, Chris Costantakoes

Candy Kennedy-Goergen – (Biological Parent of child previously or currently involved in child welfare system or juvenile justice system)

– **Resigned**

Gene Klein – Papillion – Executive Director of Project Harmony - (Director of Child Advocacy Center) – serves on the Governor’s Commission for the Protection of Children and City of Papillion Civil Service Commission; BOD of Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers, Papillion Public School’s Foundation , West Omaha Rotary, etc; Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and Certified Master Social Worker –

Requesting Reappointment

Ref: Mary Jo Pankoke, Senator Jim Smith, Senator Kathy Campbell

Norman Langemach – Lincoln – (Guardian ad Litem) – **Deceased**

Andrea Miller – Bayard – (Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Representative)

David Newell – Omaha – (Eastern/ NFC or Collaborative) – CEO @ Nebraska Families Collaborative –

Requesting Reappointment

Ref: Kathy Bigsby Moore, Senator Tim Gay, Peg Harriott

Debra O’Brien – Lincoln – (Local Foster Care Review Board Member) – Paralegal @ Nebraska Attorney General and part-time as Evaluator @ Families Inspiring Families; serves on Local Foster Care Review Board –

Requesting Reappointment

Ref: Tony Menard, Dana Hoffman, Sandy Thompson

Mary Jo Pankoke – Lincoln – (Child Advocacy Organization Representative) – President/CEO of Nebraska Children and Families Foundation – Chair of Commission for the Protection of Children, Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Court; Served on the Foster Care Review Board; serve on State Child Death Review Team; received the federal Commissioner’s Award in 2014 for work in child abuse prevention –

Requesting Reappointment

Ref: Dr. Doug Christensen, Mike McQuillan, Carol Russell

Julie Rogers – Lincoln – (Inspector General of Child Welfare) – **Based on Position**

Dale Shotkoski – Fremont – (Community Representative/Northern)

Susan Staab – Lincoln – (Community Representative/Eastern)

Diana Tedrow – Bennington – (Youth Previously in Foster Care)

Paula Wells – Ashland – (Foster Parent Representative) – President/Managing Partner/Professional Engineer @ The Wells Resource – serves on Omaha Christian Academy Heartland Family Services; Foster Parent; Co-chair of Psychotropic Medicine Committee, Post-Adoption Mentor with Nebraska Adoptive and Foster Parent Association-Right Turn Program; BOD of Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, etc.– **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Pastor Ken Buttermore, John Jeanetta

Applications:

Amy Nicole Schuchman – Omaha – Douglas County Deputy County Attorney (Juvenile Division) (CASA) - President Elect for Douglas County CASA Board of Directors, serves on Metropolitan Child Advocacy Coalition; volunteer camp counselor for Project Everlast’s Camp Catch Up, etc.

Ref: Judge Vernon Daniels, Don Kleine, Senator Peter Pirsch

Trish Clark – Omaha – Director of Programs for CASA for Douglas County - was Committee Clerk for Senator Nordquist– Currently also a CASA Volunteer – served on local Foster Care Review Board, current member of Women’s Fund of Omaha Circles group, was President of UNO College Democrats

Ref: Senator Jeremy Nordquist, Kimberly Thomas

RuAnn Root – Juniata – Executive Director of CASA of South Central Nebraska – (Not a CASA volunteer) – serves on Mental Health Board for 10th Jud District, Past Board Member of Spouse Abuse/Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Member of Lead Agency Task Force, Past Board President of South Central Partnership, Spearheaded the STARS Program, Peer Court and Mary Land Living Center, etc.

Ref: Judge Michael Burns, Donna Diass, Donna Moss

Mary Ann Wright – Hastings – (CASA Volunteer) - Retired Teacher – Served on boards for Girl Scouts, YWCA and church. Became a CASA Volunteer after retirement.

Ref: RuAnn Root, Craig Kautz, Rochelle Andersen

Janine F. Uccchino – Omaha – (Guardian Ad Litem) – Attorney @ Law Office of Janine Uccchino – serves on Legal Parties Task Force, Douglas County Juvenile Court Collaborative Committee, NE Bard Assoc – Juvenile Court Law Section; served on Nebraska Families Collaborative Community Advisory Board, Family Legal Project Board Member, etc.

Ref: Kim Hawekotte, David Newell, Annette Farnan

Susan J. Thomas – Fairbury – (CASA Volunteer) – Retired School Counselor – serves as CASA Volunteer, AmeriCorps Volunteer Project Everlast, Midweek teacher @ Zion Lutheran Church; 25 years of experience as Counselor in rural settings

Ref: Kenneth Stauss, Colleena Laschankzy, Don Cook

Audrey Swanson – Lincoln – Family Support Specialist work with children with open legal cases with DHHS) @ Cornerstone Families – Past: worked as ReStore Assistant Manager @ Habitat for Humanity and Communication Specialist @ Goodwill; volunteered with Educare; Fluent in Spanish

Ref: Bruce Williamson, Flo Krogman, Yolanda Mitchell

Felicia Nelson – Lincoln – Executive Director of NE Foster & Adoptive Parent Association – former foster parent; works closely with foster, adoptive and kinship families across Nebraska

Ref: Pamela Allen, Tammy Welker, Bess Jensen

Lisa D. Story – Wausa – Foster Parent, Homemaker/Farmer’s Wife – BS in Behavioral Science/Certificate in Chemical Dependency – endeavors, experiences and focus have always been to strengthen families and provide support in any way she can

Ref: Paula Hendricksen, Traci Hodgins, Jan Cooke

Aubrey Mancuso – Omaha – Executive Director @ Voices for Children in Nebraska – member of Intergerational Poverty Task Force-Previous Ways to Work loan committee (provides low interest car loans to struggling families; Former Adjunct Professor at UNO in Child, Youth and Family Studies; NE Leader for National Assets and Opportunities Network; Masters in Social Welfare Policy and BA in Psychology

Ref: Kathy Moore, Eric Nelson, Tim Hron

Corn Development, Utilization & Marketing Board – Term: 3 years – Meets quarterly

One member from each of the eight districts and one member at-large. The Governor selects appointee from candidates who have filed petitions signed by 50 growers from their district (DUE Mid May to the board). Board members must be at least 21 years old, Nebraska citizens and have been engaged in growing corn in this state for a period of at least five years, and derive a substantial portion of their income from growing corn. Ex

officio members: Director of Agriculture, Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources of University and the President of the Corn Growers Assoc. Ex officio members shall have no voting power.

The Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board was created by the Corn Resources Act of 1978. The Board finances market development, research, promotion and education activities.

News Release on 2/18 gave a May 20 deadline for the petitions.

Debbie Borg – Allen – District 4 (Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Pierce, Wayne, Thurston, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Colfax, Dodge, and Washington Counties) – (2013) – Farmer – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Jessica Kolterman, Rev. Kelly Johnston, Lori Luebbe

David D. Bruntz – Friend – District 1 (Butler, Saunders, Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Lancaster, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties) – (2007)

Tim Scheer – St. Paul – (Sherman, Howard, Dawson, Buffalo and Hall Counties) – (2005)

Applications:

Shane Greckel – Bloomfield – Owner/Operator of Greckel Farms, previously owner of Mainframe Solutions - served on the Nebraska Invasive Species Council, serving on the SLPC Board within Farm Bureau, helps local FFA chapters, co-leads the Commencement 4-H group in Bloomfield (Appointed to NE Information Technology Commission 5/2016)

Ref: Dr. Mark Winegar, Brent Smoyer, Jessica Kolterman

Commission on Housing and Homelessness – Term: 3 years – Meets 4 times a year

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness was established by Executive Order 98-4 on May 13, 1998, by Governor Nelson. This Commission consolidates the work and memberships of: the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission, the Nebraska Interagency Council on the Homeless, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee and recognizes the strong linkages among the various issues of housing and homelessness/near-homelessness.

The Commission is to make recommendations to the Department of Economic Development on the operation of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund; serve as an advisory body on housing and homelessness; assist with education, advocacy, coordination/cooperation and integration of the existing recommendations from the Nebraska's Housing & Community Development Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan with other statewide strategic planning initiatives involved with affordable housing, homelessness/near homelessness issues and other housing issues.

E-mail 2/11 4/20 5/11

Ryan Durant – Omaha – Member – (2013) – Vice President of Affordable Housing @ Seldin Company – serves on Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless - **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: George Achola, Jim Rieker, Jamie Hemmingsen

Paul C. Hamelink – Hastings – Member - (2015) – Senior Living Administrator @ Good Samaritan Society – serves on City of Hastings Planning Commission, Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce, current candidate for Hastings City Council; Hastings Housing Study Steering Committee, Hastings Community Theater Board, previously served on numerous local, regional and national boards – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Karen DOerr, Tom Hastings, Corey Stutte

Thomas G. Juds – Ashland – Member - (2006) – Planning & Development Manager @ Lincoln Housing Authority - Past Chair of the Commission, past board member of Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation, Nebraska Housing Developers Assoc, and Affordable Housing Management Assoc, for Nebraska and Iowa – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: James Rieker, John Kroeker, Dan Garrett

Judy L. Pederson – North Platte – Member – (2013) – Self-Employed/Owner of Pro Printing and Graphics – serves on the GROW Nebraska Advisory Board, UNMC Board of Counselors, Twin Platte Natural Resources District, North Platte Schools Shaping the Future Committee, Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee, North Platte Trails Network, etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Lisa Burke, Eric Seacrest, Clarine Eickhoff

Erin Porterfield – Omaha – Member - (2009) – **Not Requesting Reappointment per agency**

Applicants:

Need 2 additional Members with the above reappointments:

#1-Sara Tichota – Lincoln – Executive Director of Nebraska Housing Developers Association – has unique perspective across the state and organizations; association includes housing developers, community development organizations, housing authorities, housing-related nonprofits, homeless service providers, banks and others;

Ref: Thomas Judds, Pat Compton, Lara Huskey

#2-Judy L. Petersen – Chambers – Executive Director of Central Nebraska Economic Development District – 2006-2014 was Executive Director of Central Nebraska Housing Developers; housing is a passion of hers; Nebraska Regional Officials Council – Board Member since 2014, Nebraska Housing Developers Association – 9 years; CNHED has generated over \$9 million in housing funds; in 2013 inducted into NIFA's Nebraska Housing Hall of Fame

Ref: Sharon Hueftle, Sara Tichota, Shannon Fortney

#3-Suzanne J. Brodine – Kearney – Community Development Coordinator/Assistant City Manager @ City of Kearney – Previously served on Buffalo County Community Partners Executive Board, Regional Emergency Food and Shelter Board, Buffalo County Housing Senate; Professional Memberships: ICMA, NCMA, NEDA

Ref: Jennifer Wolf, Mayor Stan Clouse

Laura Ahlman – Hastings – Senior Director of Operations @ Hastings Family YMCA – Past Volunteer Experience at SASA Crisis Center, Youth Education @ Faith Lutheran Church, Crossroad Center Rescue Mission (worked with a team to rebuild two apartments for are homeless individuals to live in), etc.

Ref: Troy Stickeis, Jamie Manzer, Michael Krings

Aaron Ross – Grand Island – Executive Director @ Hope Harbour in GI – was Exec Dir and Substance Abuse Counselor @ Friendship House; President of BOD for Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism and Addiction; member of Human Services Advisory Committee for Central Community College; Teammates Mentor; Leadership Tomorrow

Ref: Fred Ruiz, Sherma Jones

Susanne M. Blue – Lincoln – Executive Director/Social Work Administration @ Matt Talbott Kitchen & Outreach – majority of her professional work has been in human services with a focus on homelessness; serves/served on Leadership Lincoln Executive Series, People's Health Center BOD, Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Federation, Continuum of care planning & Evaluation Committee for Homeless Services, Lincoln/Lancaster County Homeless Coalition

Ref: Beatty Brasch, John Turner, Joseph Young

The remaining applicants, Laura Ahlman, Aaron Ross, and Susanne Blue, are also very respectable candidates; however, with their homeless provider backgrounds, may overwhelm the commission's balance, as there are currently six other commissioners who are, or have been, involved in providing services to the homeless community.

Library Commission – Term: 3 years/Limit 2 – Meets every other month

Members are appointed from each of the state's four library system areas. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Meetings are usually held at the Commission Office in Lincoln. The Commission meets jointly with the State Advisory Council on Libraries in March each year. Over the past several years those meetings have been held in Kearney

The Nebraska Library Commission works to promote, develop and coordinate library programs and services statewide. Also, the Commission: makes rules and regulations to govern itself; appoints a director authorized to hire assistants as needed; receives and disburses federal funds; accepts and administers gifts; makes a biennial report to the Governor. 4/11 Talked to Rod Wagner, recruiting applicants

Sherry Crow – Kearney – Central Plains Library Region Rep. – **Termed Out**

Patricia Gross – Bayard – Western Library Region Rep. – **Termed Out**

Michael Lacroix – Omaha – Three Rivers Library Region Rep. – (2013) – Interim Library Dean @ UNO, previously Library Director @ Creighton University – board member of United for Libraries; worked as a variety of academic and medical libraries, etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: A. James Bothmer, Nancy Busch, Francine Canfield

Applications:

Sandra White – Sidney – (Western Library Region) – Library/Media Director @ ESU 13 until 2014; 42 years in the field of school library/media; maintains close relations with both school and public libraries; active in statewide and regional library organizations

Ref: Andrew Sherman, Jeff West, Pat Gross

Charles Peek – Kearney – (Central Plains Region) – Retired Professor of English @ UNK – Past President of NE Center for the Book; twice host for NE Literature Festival; Past-Pres. Of the Willa Cather Foundation Awards; Leland Holdt and Pratt Heins awards for teaching excellence @ UNK; Fulbright Senior Lecturer; author of two books on William Faulkner, two books on poetry; former member of the Board of Kearney Public Library, etc.

Ref: Tracy Tucker, Jeanetta Drueke, Harlan Ptomey

Nebraska Center for Nursing – Term: 3 years/Limit 2 – Meets as needed

Sixteen members appointed by the Governor to include: at least three RN's; one LPN; one representative of hospital industry; one representative of long-term care industry; four additional members can be from the general public or any of the previous categories. Other members of the board shall include one nurse educator recommended by each of the following: the Univ of NE Board of Regents; the NE Community College Assn; the NE Assn of Independent Colleges and Universities; and three members recommended by the State Board of Health. The terms of all members shall be three years with no member serving more than two consecutive terms.

The board shall determine operational policy; elect a chairperson and officers to serve two-year terms (the chairperson and officers may not succeed themselves); establish committees of the board as needed; appoint a multi-disciplinary advisory council for input and advice on policy matters; implement the major functions of the Nebraska Center for Nursing; and to seek and accept non-state funds for carrying out Center policy.

¾ E-mail sent to Nursing Assoc. - 5/18 emailed Monica

Nick Faustman – Lincoln – Long Term Care - (2013) – No longer at NE Assoc of Nursing Home/Assist Living

- Resigned

Anna May – Omaha – RN – (2013) Nurse Manager for Emergency Services @ Nebraska Medicine - Masters in Nursing – member of Emergency Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, etc. - **Requesting**

Reappointment

Ref: Sue Deyke, Karen Wiley, Ashley Emmel

Brandi Netzel – Papillion – LPN – (2013) - **Resigned**

Aubray Orduna – Omaha – Independent Colleges Rep – (2010) – **Termed Out**

Linda Stones – Crete – Additional Member – (2010) – **Termed Out**

Pamela Uhir – Kearney – RN – (2013)

Applicants:

Dr. Lina Bostwick, Ed.D., RN – Lincoln – Associate Professor for Nursing Graduate Program @ Bryan College of Health Sciences – BOD of Nebraska Nurses Association; Nebraska League for Nursing, BOD and President of Fresh Start-Rehabilitation Home for Women

Ref: Dr. Teresa Anderson, Linda Stones, Dr. Marcia Kube

Letter of Support:

Marcia Kube, EdD, RN, CNE – Dean of Graduate Nursing and Health Professions @ Bryan College of Health Sciences

Teresa K. Faith – Palisade – LPN-MA-CAN @ Sunrise Heights – infection control nurse, restorative nurse

Ref: Nikki Sramek, LaNessa Wickier, Heather Adams

Tourism Commission – Legislative Confirmation – Term: 4 years

The Nebraska Tourism Commission is created. The members of the Travel and Tourism Division Advisory Committee, as such committee existed immediately prior to July 1, 2012, shall be the initial members of the commission and may be reappointed as provided in this section. The terms of initial members of the commission representing entities designated by subdivisions (2)(b), (d), (f), and (h) of this section shall be two years, beginning on July 1, 2012. The terms of initial members representing entities designated by subdivisions (2)(a), (c), (e), (g), and (i) of this section shall be four years, beginning on July 1, 2012. Each successive member shall be appointed by the Governor with the approval of a majority of the members of the Legislature for terms of four years and may be reappointed. (2) The commission shall consist of the following members:(a) One representative from the Game and Parks Commission;(b) One representative from the Nebraska Travel Association;(c) One representative from the Nebraska Hotel and Motel Association;(d) One representative from a tourism attraction that records at least two thousand out-of-state visitors per year;(e) One representative from the Nebraska Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus;(f) One representative from the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition;(g) One representative who resides in eastern Nebraska and is employed by a business that derives a majority of its revenue from out-of-state visitors;(h) One representative from the Central Nebraska Tourism Partnership; and(i) One representative of a business that derives a majority of its revenue from out-of-state visitors.

The commission shall: (1) Administer the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; (2) Prepare and approve a budget; (3) Elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson; (4) Procure and evaluate data and information necessary for the proper administration of the act; (5) Appoint an executive director at a salary to be fixed by the commission to conduct the day-to-day operations of the commission; (6) Employ personnel and contract for services which are necessary for the proper operation of the commission; (7) Establish a means by which any interested person has the opportunity at least annually to offer his or her ideas and suggestions relative to the

commission's duties for the upcoming year; (8) Authorize the expenditure of funds and contracting of expenditures to carry out the act; (9) Keep minutes of its meetings and other books and records which clearly reflect all of the actions and transactions of the commission and keep such records open to examination during normal business hours; (10) Prohibit any funds appropriated to the commission from being expended directly or indirectly to promote or oppose any candidate for public office or to influence state or federal legislation; and (11) Have authority to mark significant tourism attractions as provided in section 81-3711.01.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS HIRED BY BOARD. 2/4 2/29 E-mail sent to agency

ONE OF THE BELOW BUSINESS MUST BE FROM EASTERN NEBRASKA

Jeff Boeka – North Platte – (Ne Hotel/Motel Association) – (2012) – **Not Seeking Reappointment**

Roger Dixon – Omaha – (Business w/Majority of Revenue from Out of State Visitors) – (2012) – President/CEO @ Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) (CenturyLink Center) – Serves on Downtown Improvement District Executive Board, Metropolitan Hospitality Association, Millard Public Schools Foundation, Omaha Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, Omaha Sports Commission – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Jim Vokal, Chris Kircher, Rex Fisher

Letter of Support: John P. Chapo, President/CEO @ Lincoln Children's Zoo
David Brown – Greater Omaha Chamber

Roger Kuhn – Lincoln – (Game and Parks Commission Rep) – (2012) – **Letter of Designation from Director**

Letter of Support:

H. H. Kosman – Scottsbluff – Platte Valley Companies – savvy fundraiser and excellent credentials in creating opportunities for “visitation” all across our state, creates family friendly venues

Chad Adams – Ogallala – President of Adams Bank & Trust – huge resource, regularly depend on his knowledge and expertise regarding our Visitors Centers and Lake McConaughy, dedicated

Carol Schlegel – Culbertson – (Nebraska Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau) – (2012) – Tourism Director under contract with Red Willow County – Vice President of the NE Assoc. of Conventions and Visitors Bureau - Chairman of the Hitchcock County Visitors Committee – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Rex Nelson, Daniel Stramel, Vesta Dack

Letter of Support:

Former U.S. Senator Ben Nelson

Kim Kwapnioski – President of NE Assoc. of Convention and Visitors Bureau – wealth of knowledge, adds diversity to commission with greater representation of Nebraska

Dan Curran – Dept of Economic Development

Tony Moody – Omaha – (Business w/Majority of Revenue from Out of State Visitors) – (2012) – Regional Vice President @ John Q. Hammons Hotels – serves on the FBI Citizen's Academy Association (Vice Chair); Boys Town Boosters, Past President and co-founder of Omaha Convention Hotel Association, Board Member of Nebraska Hotel and Motel Association, etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Natalie Peetz, Chuck Cooper, Rex Fisher

Letter of Support: John P. Chapo, President/CEO @ Lincoln Children's Zoo

ALSO applied to be on Platte River Whooping Crane Trust for June opening

Applicants:

Jeff Maul – Lincoln – Executive Director of Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau – Vice President of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; President of the Nebraska Assoc. of Convention and Visitors Bureaus and

South YMCA Finance; Vice President of the Nebraska Sports Council, State Tourism award for Outstanding website, Publication and Tourism Promotion, etc.

Ref: Wendy Birdsall, John Chapo, Curtis Klein

Letters of Support:

-Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

-Wendy Birdsall, CCE – President of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

-John Chapo – President/CEO of Lincoln Children's Zoo

-Beth and Clay Smith – he is wonderful, have worked with him on car shows/events – has helped turn Nebraska into a destination for automotive enthusiasts; listed ten events that he was instrumental in bringing to Nebraska; motivates people to come to Lincoln; tremendous efforts has benefitted Lincoln

-Deb Loseke – Columbus – Director of Columbus/Platte County Convention and Visitors Bureau – puts his heart and soul into tourism, lends support to smaller CVB's, always there to lean on, dedication and love of promoting Nebraska, looks at what he can do for the entire State, ability to work with others and do "what's best" for Nebraska

~~Lori Paulsen – Waverly – Executive Director of Nebraska Winery & Grape Growers Association (represents 30+ Nebraska wineries across Nebraska) – also represents the National Popcorn Board and National Strength and Conditioning Assoc; served on the Lincoln/Lancaster Women's Commission; Past: worked for Nebraska Soybean Board and Nebraska Realtors Association (Does not Qualify as Business, checking with members regarding applying)~~

~~Ref: Jim Ballard, Gwen Sander, Sean Payant~~

Mitch Glidden – Mullen – (Hotel Motel Association Position) – Owner of Sandhills Motel and Glidden Canoe Rental (Canoe, Kayak and Tank Rentals/an outfitting business) in Mullen – started Grassland Prairie Chicken and Sharp-tail Grouse Viewings in 2000, involved with the Loup Basin RC & D; serves on the following boards: Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway, Mullen Area Foundation, Hooker County Tourism Committee, Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway Polar Bear Tank Race; member of Valentine Chamber, Western Tourism Coalition, NE Hotel-Motel Association, NE Tourism Assoc. and Mullen Commercial/Chamber Club

Ref: John Chapo, Mike Kesselring, Roger Dixon

Letters of Support:

Jeff Boeka, Past President of the Nebraska Hotel Motel Association - sees the bigger picture of tourism,

Involved in several organizations, well respected, wants to improve tourism across the state

Deb Loseke – Columbus – Director @ Columbus Platte County Convention and Visitors Bureau – supportive of industry; business experience and expanded business to help grow tourism; experience, love for the industry and hands-on experience

Mike and Linda Kesselring – Crawford – Owners of Clamshell Packaging Mrg. & High Plains

Homestead-The Drifter Cookshack & Bunkhouse– They have been involved in local, regional and state travel and tourism activities - understands small business which is currently not represented on the board

Timothy (Tim) Darby – Omaha – General Manager @ Magnolia Hotel Omaha – (Hotel & Motel Assoc.) At large Board Member of Nebraska Hotel & Lodging Association, Metropolitan Hospitality Association President, Omaha Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, Omaha Crime Stoppers Board Member

Ref: John Wieland, Linda Fisher, Scott Merritt

Letters of Support:

Scott Merritt – Executive Director of Nebraska Hotel and Motel Association – was a director for the Assoc.; demonstrated leadership skills; also very active in the Omaha area with the industry and community based organizations

Lindy Hoyer – Omaha – Executive Director @ Omaha Children's Museum – Formerly Director of Operations of Lincoln Children's Museum – 28% of visitors from outside of MSA of Omaha – over 300,000 visitors last year, most visited museum; served on the Association of Children's Museum Board of Directors and Advisory Committee for Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau; graduate of the Noyce Leadership Institute, founded for emerging leaders in the science and children's museum field, and currently serves as the co-chair of the alumni committee; twice received recognition for outstanding non-profit by the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce

Ref: Dana Markel, Keith Backsen, Willy Thiesen

Wheat Development, Utilization & Marketing Board – Term: 5 years – Meets 4-5 times a year

The Governor shall appoint seven members to the Board who are citizens of Nebraska, at least 21 years of age, engaged in growing wheat for a period of at least five years and derive a substantial portion of their income from growing wheat. The Director of Agriculture and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nebraska INAR shall serve as non-voting members of the board.

The Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board was created to protect and foster the economic health of the state's wheat-producing areas and wheat economy. An established public policy guides the wheat board in establishing its overall policy, annual marketing plan, goals and objectives, and program priorities. The Board also evaluates wheat market developments worldwide to meet these goals.

Agency's news release indicates applications due by May 16

Kent Lorens – Stratton – District 4 (Chase, Dundy, Lincoln, Hayes, Hitchcock and Frontier Counties) – (2015) – Self-Employed Farmer – Stratton Recreation Fund Inc., St. Joseph Catholic Church Board, Knights of Columbus Council Officer and District Deputy, Hitchcock County School Board, Nebraska Farm Bureau SLPC and Wheat Advisory Board, etc. – **Requesting Reappointment**

Ref: Jim Kent, Rich Burndt, Jay Ferris

Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council – Terms: 3 years/Limit 2 – Minimum of twice a year

71-702. Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council; created; members; terms; duties; expenses. (1) The Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council is created and shall consist of not more than thirty members, at least three-fourths of whom are women. At least one member shall be appointed from the following disciplines: (a) An obstetrician/gynecologist; (b) a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant from a rural community; (c) a geriatrics physician or nurse; (d) a pediatrician; (e) a community public health representative from each congressional district; (f) a health educator; (g) an insurance industry representative; (h) a mental health professional; (i) a representative from a statewide health volunteer agency; (j) a private health care industry representative; (k) an epidemiologist or a health statistician; (l) a foundation representative; and (m) a woman who is a health care consumer from each of the following age categories: Eighteen to thirty; thirty-one to forty; forty-one to sixty-five; and sixty-six and older. The membership shall also include a representative of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a representative from Creighton University Medical Center, the chief medical officer if one is appointed under section 81-3115, and the Title V Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services (Paula Eurek). (2) The Governor shall appoint advisory council members and shall consider and attempt to balance representation based on political party affiliation, race, and different geographical areas of Nebraska when making appointments. The Governor shall appoint the first chairperson

and vice-chairperson of the advisory council. There shall be two ex officio, nonvoting members from the Legislature, one of which shall be the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee. (3) The terms of the initial members shall be as follows: One-third shall serve for one-year terms, one-third shall serve for two-year terms, and one-third shall serve for three-year terms including the members designated chairperson and vice-chairperson. Thereafter members shall serve for three-year terms. Members may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. The advisory council shall meet at least every six months or upon the call of the chairperson or a majority of the voting members. A quorum shall be one-half of the voting members. (6) The members of the advisory council shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and pursuant to policies of the advisory council. Funds for reimbursement for expenses shall be from the Women's Health Initiative Fund. (7) The advisory council shall advise the Women's Health Initiative of Nebraska in carrying out its duties under section 71-701 and may solicit private funds to support the initiative. Statutory members are: Chief Medical Officer of HHS and Title V Director. LB 84- in 2009 removed the December 31, 2009 termination date of this council.

The Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council shall strive to improve the health of women in NE by fostering the development of a comprehensive system of coordinated services, policy development, advocacy and education. There can be 20-30 members on the council.

(Currently heavy on the Democrat side as a whole board,) 4/19 e-mail

June 2014:

Jacquelyn Brugman – Boone - (PA- Rural) – **Termed Out**

June 2015:

Dr. Sharon Hammer – Omaha – Mental Health – D (2010) – **Term Out (Position to be filled 31-40 Position)**

June 2016

Dr. Darla Eisenhauer – Lincoln – OBGYN – R - (2011) – **Termed Out**

Elizabeth Hardy – Hastings – Community Rep- District 3 – D -(2015)

Amy LaCroix – Omaha – Pediatrician – D - (2014)

Mary Larsen – Omaha – State Health Volunteer – D - (2014)

Jamie Monfelt-Siems – Wymore – Mental Health - R – (2011) – **Termed Out**

Audrey Paulman – Omaha – UNMC Rep - D – (2013)

Kimberly Redd – Omaha – APRN – D (2015) – **Does Not Attend**

Shinobu Watanabe-Galloway – Omaha – Epidemiologist – D (2015)

Applications:

Janelle Ali-Dinar – Hastings - (R)- Health Care Exec. – Catholic Health Initiatives of Nebraska-Lincoln President-Nebraska Rural Health Association, Chair-Rural Health Association etc. (may not reflect current board positions since application is from 2013)

Ref: Denny Berens, Bob Lanik, John Roberts

Kathy Seacrest – North Platte – (D) - Behavioral Health Administrator @ Region II

Ref: Larry Brown, Judge Jim Doyle, Marge Beatty

Kristine Follett, MSN – Lincoln – (I) – Community Health Nursing Educator @ Union College – (Also does medical missions, volunteers at the People's City Medical Clinic as nurse and has students do clinical rotations there)

Ref: Theresa Stimson, Michael Halfhill, Charlotte Schober

Shirley A. Blanchard – Omaha – (D) - Associate Professor of Pharmacy & Pharmacy & Health Professions @ Creighton University

Ref: Letha Mosley, PhD; Dr. Eddie Green, MD; Sylvia Coleman, RN

Barbara Moffatt – Hastings – (R) – Physical Therapy Office Manager (Serves on Executive Board of Hastings Food Pantry)

Ref: Johnnie Marie Bell, Betty Shorey, Karen Tegler
Dorian Hill – Omaha – (D) Annuity Underwriter @ Mutual of Omaha (Ovarian Cancer Survivor, Member of Black Employee Resource Group and Leadership Committee @ Mutual of Omaha)
Ref: Dana Washington, Rafael Maldonado
Tami Bartels – Imperial – RN @Sarah Ann Hester Memorial Home and Director of Nursing @ Chase County Community Hospital
Ref: Janice Edwards, Shannon Kuhlmann, Megan Peters

Commissions Created during 2016 Session:

Nebraska Craft Brewery Board – Terms: 3 years –

(1) The Nebraska Craft Brewery Board is created. All board members shall be (a) citizens of Nebraska, (b) at least twenty-one years of age, and (c) either engaged in or previously engaged in the manufacture or the wholesale or retail sale of beer in this state or engaged or previously engaged in the production in this state of agricultural products that are utilized in the brewing process. **The board shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Governor on a nonpartisan basis. At least two board members shall be selected by the Governor from a list of no fewer than ten candidates submitted by the Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild or its successor organization. In addition, at least two board members shall be selected by the Governor from a list of no fewer than ten candidates submitted by the Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska or its successor organization. Both organizations have been contacted. Ag working on apps and sent out a news release with May 31 deadline.**

The Director of Agriculture or his or her designee and the executive director of the Nebraska Tourism Commission or his or her designee shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of the board.

(2) Whenever a vacancy occurs on the board for any reason, the Governor shall appoint an individual to fill such vacancy pursuant to the qualifications set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

Sec. 2. (1) Within thirty days after the appointment of the initial members of the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board, such board shall conduct its first regular meeting. During that meeting, the board members shall elect from among themselves, by majority vote, a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer, all to serve for terms of one year from the date of election. Subsequent board meetings shall take place at least once every six months and at such times as called by the chairperson or by any three board members.

(2) Each member shall serve for a term of three years and may be reappointed.

The Nebraska Craft Brewery Board has the following powers and duties: (1) Establish a public forum to provide any manufacturer of beer or producer of agricultural products used in the brewing process the opportunity, at least once annually, to discuss with the board its policies and procedures; (2) Keep minutes of its meetings and other books and records which will clearly reflect all of the acts and transactions of the board and to make these records available for examination upon request by members of the public; (3) Authorize and approve the expenditure of funds collected pursuant to section 4 of this act; (4) Serve as an advisory panel to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission in all matters pertaining to the beer industry; and (5) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out sections 1 to 5 of this act.

(3) The Department of Agriculture, at the direction of and in cooperation with the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board, shall use the Nebraska Beer Industry Promotional Fund to develop and maintain programs for the research and advancement of the beer brewing process, the marketing and promotion of the beer industry in Nebraska, and the marketing and promotion of agricultural products and their byproducts grown and produced

in Nebraska for use in the beer industry. Such expenditures may include, but are not limited to, all necessary funding for the employment of experts in the field of beer brewing and business development, as deemed necessary by the board, and programs to carry out the purposes of this subsection. None of the money credited to the Nebraska Beer Industry Promotional Fund may be used for lobbying purposes.

4/26 Email to Craft brewers Guild, 4/21 Talked to Kristin with ABDN

5/3 News Release by Dept of Ag – **Application Deadline: May 31**

Applicants:

Joseph (Jay) Arcishevsky – Omaha – Digital Campaign Manager @ Experian – avid participant in the Nebraska craft beer scene as well as a **passionate home-brewer**; worked at Upstream Brewing Company for 6 years in variety of positions

Ref: Shane Costello, Daniel Stewart, Toby Rine

Timothy P. Burke – Lincoln – Sales Manager @ Quail Distributing (Beer/Wine Wholesaler – Independent Distributor) – wine columnist ‘L’ Magazine/Certified Specialist of wine, Ignite Lincoln Board, Cystic Fibrosis Board, etc.

Ref: Chuck Campbell, Jay Wilkinson, Matt Stinchfield

Bruce Nelson – Omaha – (ABDN Member) - Owner/President of Eagle Distributing of Fremont, Norfolk, and Grand Island – has 3 Beer Distributorships, 1 Wine/Spirit Distributorship and 1 outdoor sign company; worked for Anheuser Busch for 20 years prior to purchasing Eagle Distributing in Fremont; 38 years in the beer industry

Ref: Harry Hoch, Scott Meister, Tom Dinsdale

Adam Kosmicki – Lincoln – Director of Technology @ Norland International/American Beer Equipment (equipment manufacturer for the craft beer industry globally); role with company has ranged from a field service technician, head engineer, technical sales director, plant manager to current position; has traveled to 34 countries regarding industry working with simple start-up companies to full production facilities; served on technical committee for the International Bottled Water Association to refine the Japanese bottled water regulations

Ref: Mike McFarland; Nate Bell, Kinkaider Brewing Company in Broken Bow; Brian Podwinski

Andrew M. Fordham – Lincoln – (ABDN Member) - Craft & Import Manager @ State Distribution Company – Level 1 Cicerone; have been active in the local beer community for 15 years; have brewed and Brickway Brewing Company; very active in community sponsored events

Ref: John Fordham, Zac Triemert, Kristin Crawford

Nathan Hoeft – Hastings – Owner/Brewmaster @ First Street Brewing Company – serves on The Lark Board

Ref: Vern Powers, Will Scott, William Hermes

Trevor Schaben – Kearney – President/Brewmaster @ Thunderbird Brewing Co. – 7 years USAF

Ref: Mark Thompson, Distributor; Steve Fisher, MSGT USAF; Zac Trimer, Brewmaster

John Fahrner – Bellevue – Brewer & Part Time Clerk @ HyVee

Ref: Ed Grace, Pat Heaton, Dan Kummel

Nate Bell – Broken Bow – Owner/Brewer @ Kinkaider Brewing Company, also has an Insurance Agency – will be submitting an application

Letter of Support:

Senator Matt Williams – Gothenburg – Nate started home brewing nearly 20 years ago, involved in the craft beer community, operates a homebrew shop and launched the state’s first craft beer based news blog, formed a local homebrew club and has relationships with nearly all of the craft brewers; active members of the local economic development corporation and serves on many

Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs – (LB754) – Terms: 4 years, staggered during initial appointment – Meets: Twice a year – Reimbursement for expenses

The commission shall consist of the following voting members:

- (a) The Director of Economic Development;
- (b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee;
- (c) The Director of Veterans' Affairs; and

(d) Three residents of the State of Nebraska, one from each congressional district. At least one of the three residents shall have current or prior military experience and at least one shall have a background in business. – Appointed by the Governor – One serves for 2 years, One serves 3 years and one for 4 years

Nonvoting, ex officio members:

- (a) The chair of the State Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve;
- (b) The commander of the 55th Wing of the Air Combat Command or his or her designee;
- (c) The commander of the United States Strategic Command or his or her designee; and
- (d) The commander of the 557th Weather Wing of the United States Air Force or his or her designee.

The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to receive and administer funds from state, federal, and other sources. Additionally, the commission shall:

- (1) Address matters of military significance to Nebraska;
- (2) Maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between state agencies and the military and veteran entities in Nebraska as necessary to ensure coordination and implementation of unified and comprehensive statewide strategies involved with, or affected by, the military;
- (3) Focus on and, when designated, serve as lead agency on:
 - (a) Defense economic adjustment and transition information and activities;
 - (b) Exploring operating costs, missions, and strategic value of federal military installations located in the state;
 - (c) Employment issues for communities that depend on defense bases and defense-related businesses; and
 - (d) Assistance provided to communities that have experienced a defense related closure or realignment;
- (4) Advise the Governor, the Legislature, and other appropriate governmental officials on all matters in which the military services and the state have mutual interests, needs, and concerns;
- (5) Promote and optimize state and United States Department of Defense initiatives that will improve the military value of the Nebraska National Guard, active and reserve military force structure and installations, and the quality of life for military personnel residing in Nebraska;
- (6) Partner with local communities to conduct ongoing analyses of current and proposed changes to the mission, military force structure, and alignment of the United States Department of Defense;
- (7) Recommend state, federal, and local economic development projects to promote, foster, and support economic progress through a military presence in Nebraska;
- (8) Assist the private sector in developing derivative investments, employment, and educational opportunities associated with high technology programs and activities at Nebraska's military installations;
- (9) Partner with local communities to develop methods to improve private and public employment opportunities for former members of the military and their families residing in this state; and

(10) Identify and support ways to provide sound infrastructure, adequate housing, education, and transition support into Nebraska's workforce for military members and their families, retired military personnel, and veterans.

The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs shall prepare an annual report summarizing the military assets of Nebraska, including installations and missions, and the economic impact of the military assets in Nebraska. The report shall also include recommendations for preserving and sustaining military assets and missions existing in Nebraska and recommendations for actions which the state can take to encourage expanding such assets and missions. The commission shall submit the report electronically to the Legislature, the Governor, and the commanding officer of every military base in Nebraska on or before November 15 of each year.

Felix Davidson – moving to Ohio

Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder's Commission – Expires 7-1-2016 instead of 2017

LB 746 - Normalcy Task Force – Begins 7/1/2016 – Appointed by the Nebraska Children's Commission – **also extended the Children's Commission until 6/30/2019 – updated one position to: a biological parent currently or previously involved in the child welfare system or juvenile justice system – Added that: No member of the commission shall have any private financial interest, profit, or benefit from any work of the commission. Duties changed for committees.**

Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force – Terms: Not Specified – Meets: Not specified

The Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force is created. The Governor shall appoint the members of the task force. The members shall include one surface water project representative from each river basin that has ever been determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or 46-720 or is designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources; one surface water project representative from a river basin that has not been determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or 46-720 or is not designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources; one representative from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Natural Resources, the office of the State Forester, the Game and Parks Commission, and the University of Nebraska; three representatives selected from a list of at least ten individuals nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; two representatives selected from a list of at least five individuals nominated by the Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from each of the state's congressional districts; and one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. In addition to such members, any member of the Legislature may serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member of the task force at his or her option. For administrative and budgetary purposes only, the task force shall be housed within the Department of Agriculture.

The Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force, in consultation with appropriate federal agencies, shall develop and prioritize vegetation management goals and objectives, analyze the cost-effectiveness of available vegetation treatment, and develop plans and policies to achieve such goals and objectives. Any plan shall utilize the principles of integrated vegetation management and sound science. The task force shall convene within thirty days after the appointment of the members is complete to elect a chairperson and conduct such other business as deemed necessary. An annual report shall be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by June 30 each year with the first report due on June 30, 2017. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be

submitted electronically. It is the intent of the Legislature that expenses of the task force not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars of the total appropriation to the program per fiscal year. **Dept of Ag recruiting.**

Niobrara Council – Terms: 3 years – Meets: Minimum of 6 time per year

Appointed members are now confirmed by the Legislature.

Requires an annual report regarding budget expenditures submitted electronically. Removes the limitation of the financial support that can be provided, was limited to \$50,000. Adds budgetary, operational, and programmatic support to those supports that *may* be provided by the Game and Parks Commission.